

Introduced by Senator RubioFebruary 10, 2011

An act relating to energy.

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SB 245, as introduced, Rubio. Energy: transmission projects: expedited permitting.

Existing law requires energy and transmission projects to obtain specified certification or permits or both certification and permits from various state and local agencies.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a new program to ease and expedite the state permitting process for transmission projects within the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation to establish a new program to ease and expedite the
3 state permitting process for transmission projects within the state.
4 (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that this new
5 program require appropriate state agencies to establish one program
6 under which qualified transmission projects would have expedited,
7 coordinated, and knowledgeable processing of all necessary state
8 permits, and would have a defined timeframe within which all
9 permits would be issued after all documents required pursuant to
10 the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13

- 1 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code)
- 2 have been certified.

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